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N.C. TEENS PARTICIPATE IN FIRST STATE YOUTH SUMMIT

RALEIGH – More than 150 youth leaders, representing 65 counties, joined this week to participate in North Carolina's first State Teen Summit. During the weeklong event, teen delegates from 4-H groups collaborated with student leaders from other youth organizations to develop a strategic plan of action and direction for North Carolina teen programs. They will present their plan to legislators, business and non-profit leaders today at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the N.C. Museum of History.

"I am pleased to see so many of our state's young leaders participate in this summit," Easley said. "By working together and sharing ideas, they are developing leadership, organizational and social skills that will help them be successful in their schools and their communities."

The Teen Summit was held July 21-25 on the N.C. State University campus. Teens facilitated a town hall meeting of more than 600 of their peers across the state and held their own discussion forums.

The summit was made possible through a partnership of the North Carolina Department of 4-H Youth Development, Communities in Schools of North Carolina Inc. and the N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service. Scholarships were paid for by Touchstone Energy in Raleigh and Learn and Serve America of the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, D.C.

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